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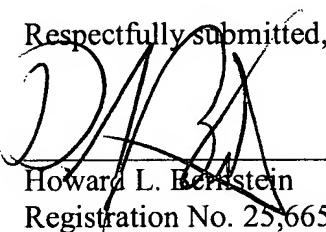
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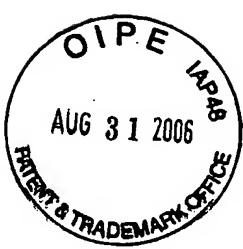
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1. United States Patent No. 3,050,907, issued August 28, 1962.

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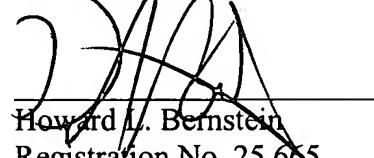
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